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# **The WEEKLY**

# **REPORT**

# **A N O R A K S**

## **The First with the News in Print**

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We always feel better with January out of the way, and are sure that our colleagues on the North Sea echo our sentiments. So, in comes February, with slightly longer days, and hopefully yet further improved ground wave radio conditions. There are no major happenings to report on this week, which in some ways is good, in others, not so good. Lots of the usual activity, of course, so, read on....

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**NEW MERCHANDISE. Offshore Echo's Magazine, Issue 64,** dated January 1987 is now available.

Due to the poor exchange rate currently being experienced by the pound, we have no choice but to charge an extra 10p for the individual copies sold. This makes the current issue £1.90 per copy. Of course, we can still accept an annual subscription for £8.50, which works out at £1.70 per issue. (5 Issues). It would seem that now is just the time to subscribe to Europe's No. 1 offshore radio magazine. The current edition, 68 pages, is possibly their best ever and every credit must go to the two editors, Francois L'hote and Chris Edwards. This issue contains.....

- \* **OFFSHORE RADIO NEWS** - from **LASER HOT HITS, RADIO CAROLINE, RADIO MONIQUE** and the **VOICE OF PEACE**, a detailed look at news on, around and about events on the radio ships, with many new and exclusive photographs.
- \* **INTERVIEWS** - with offshore radio engineer, **MIKE BARRINGTON**, with **ROB DAY** of Radio Waves Inc., the sales agency for Laser Hot Hits, and with **JAN MOLENAAR**, from Radio Monique.
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Also from Offshore Echo's, comes **Offshore Airchecks, Volume 3.....** Find out why Caroline's Richard Jackson is called 'bucket', Peter Philips climbs the mast, the Dutch mixer is exterminated, Radio Monique on strike, John Dwyar loses his shorts, the first tests from Laser Hot Hits, with John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony, and much more. The cost of **OFFSHORE AIRCHECKS VOLUME 3** is £3.50, Volumes 1 and 2 are still available for the same price. Please note: This tape is despatched from France, please allow extra time for delivery.

**F.R.M.(Free Radio Magazine).** The January issue of this Dutch publication is now available from ourselves, again, for the increased price of £1.90, due to the poor currency exchange. 34 x A4, all glossy pages in this issue, superb

quality, but no offshore photographs, alas. Recommended for anyone with some knowledge of the Dutch language.

We are delighted to be able to tell readers that the video "A Day In The Life Of Radio Caroline" has finally arrived. We apologise to all those who paid for copies, well before Christmas. EAP also apologise for 'the ridiculous delay'. All orders have now been despatched and we have copies of this excellent video, for sale, at £24.95, once again!

**NEW ARRIVALS.** A grand total of five this week.....**Now Radio**(Jan. 27th) arrived early week. 28 x A5 pages, well presented and covering the whole of the radio industry. A good read, recommended. Available for £1.00, from Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 0NW..... **Radiotelex**(Issue 91). Back to a normal 4 x A5 page issue, this time. All short wave, but well presented here, too. We can supply a sample copy, along with a current subscription form enabling a subscription to be taken out direct.....**Media Monitor**(Issue 44). 20 x A5 pages of general radio news. London pirates and short wave covered. A sample copy will cost 70p from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA.....**BRS News**(Issue 3, dated January '87). 20 plus x A4 pages of news, focusing on the London pirate scene, very detailed. Station features are also included. The magazine arrived complete with BRS's latest sales catalogue of recordings and much more. The two together will cost you £1.20, or the catalogue on it's own is free on receipt of a C4 size, SAE. (Cheques/P.O.'s here, payable to A. Gordon). BRS, BCM - BRS, London WC1N 3XX.....**PLAY-DX**(Issue 446). 6 x A4 sides of logs etc. Mainly in Italian and Spanish at present, but soon to be in English. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milan, Italy.

**TAPE OFFER.** This week we offer two tapes of stations aimed at a more specialised audience. From Chicago, Tape 21, features a Mace Rosenstein breakfast show, on **WFMT-FM**. This station has a Classical format, and it is interesting to hear how commercials fit in with this sort of music. Travelling back to England, and Leeds, to be more specific, Tape 22 features yet another recent recording.....**Music City Radio**. This community



station has a reggae/soul format, and broadcasts on FM. Both tapes are 90mins in length, and cost £2.00 each, as always.

**GENERAL.** The theme tune 'thing' seems to have got quite big, almost out of hand. Not all members of the A-UK team seem to share the enthusiasm of this writer, on the subject. However, we all appreciate that a number of readers are equally interested. We have therefore decided to only mention the topic briefly in these columns, but to send out any relevant information separately, on request. Alan in West Yorkshire has kindly compiled a rather splendid list of these tunes, along with all other details. Anyone interested can have a photo-copied sheet of this list free of charge. Simply request 'Theme Tune List' in your next correspondence. Please feel free to write in with further info, or better still, if you have, or know anyone who has, anything in this line, for sale. A number of letters at hand are asking to purchase such items. Please let us know. In the event of nothing being for sale, maybe we could make up a tape of theme tunes?

The postcard 'thing' now!!! Many thanks for the cards sent in as gifts, or loaned, particularly of Radio 270. More about these in a future issue.

We are pleased to report £65.00 in the RNLI appeal 'kitty'. Just £35.00 to go. Many thanks to all contributions received. Just send us £1.00 and we will put it in the kitty. We will send you, in return, a 1985 and a 1986 Christmas card. The latter featuring that excellent photo of the 'new look' Communicator.

Word reaches us from Provo in Utah, where Charlie Wolf is currently to be found. Charlie sends everyone his best wishes and says he still 'pines for England' and is still seeking a work permit. He goes on to say that he will not be joining Laser Hot Hits, but is with them in spirit. He is working at KFMY, but is seeking a breakfast show elsewhere. As they say in the States, 'he is maintaining right now'.



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**WANTED.** A good quality recording of "Stereo Sequence", with Johnny Walker, on BBC Radio 1, Saturday 17th January 1987, between 15:00 and 17:00. I am willing to buy, or send a blank tape. Please contact....JorgClemens Hoffmann, Friedrichstr. 37/37, D - 6300 Giessen, West Germany.

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.**

**DUBLIN.** Little to report on in this city this week. **Energy 103** went off FM during the week, and it is understood that a new transmitter has been installed with double the power, although, at this stage, no reports of increased power have been received. We, of course, cannot receive the 103 transmissions, due to ILR use of the channel. Both **Q 102** and **Sunshine/Hit Hits** have been monitored during the week, but nothing out of the ordinary was noted.

**Co. KILDARE.** **ZEE 104** was noted on Friday, by Brian in Dungannon, on 104.2MHz., with increased power, suggesting a new transmitter location.

**GALWAY.** Sketchy reports from this city have mentioned **KFM** of late, first as being off air, then on air. Proprietor of the station, John Brown, kindly writes this week, and puts us in the picture....The station **IS** on air, on 99.0MHz.FM, stereo, covering a 50 mile radius from Galway. The studios are situated 450 feet above sea level, about 8 miles North West of Galway city. Broadcasts are daily for 12½ hours. Station address is KFM, Kylebroughlan, Moycullen, Co. Galway. Tel: (091) 85422 (24 hour answering service).

## **KFM 99** MHZ STEREO GALWAY COUNTY RADIO

Broadcasting since beginning of November 1986. KFM is a privately owned Independent Local Radio Station, based in studios located at Moycullen, Co. Galway. KFM provides a quality FM Stereo Signal audible throughout the county. Our programming is currently from 7.30 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily, and will be extended further with Specialist and Community Information Programmes, together with the addition of a Medium Wave Service in the near future.

**CAVAN.** **Cavan Community Radio** continues on 819kHz., with a good signal in the primary area (where the advertisers are!). Towards Dublin, of course, interference is noted, but in the Midlands, North West, and counties Fermanagh and Tyrone, the signal is quite acceptable. Commercial traffic is reported as fair, and the "Liney Five" bingo competition seems to be promoted at every opportunity.

**Erne Side Radio** continue on 125kHz., with an excellent signal over a very wide area. It is understood that the station have plans to introduce a second AM transmitter, to be situated at Emyvale in Co. Monaghan, in order to push the signal even further into Northern Ireland. Plans to put this outlet on 1260kHz. were thwarted when **Radio Carousel North** appeared there. The FM frequency is about 107.0MHz. Advertising is reported as being healthy and the station is understood now to be settled in their new premises in Belturbet. The station has been heard offering for sale recently, a video film of the station's 'Country Awards' evening.

**Co. MONAGHAN.** **Big 'M' Community Radio**, in Castleblayney, with AM outlets on 954 and 1413kHz., has once again moved their FM frequencies. The old 87.9 has been moved to 99.05MHz., and the 99.65 to 105.0MHz.

In Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo, **Mid West Radio** are understood to have introduced a second AM transmitter. The main one is on 1332kHz., and the new one reported to be on 1224kHz., although, as yet, we have not received any reports of its reception, or indeed, received it ourselves. Having said that, **KLB** in Newbridge are loud and clear on that channel here in Blackpool, which makes it all that more difficult to determine a second station beneath.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Little to report from here, although both Casper Bately and Andrew Brown have returned home. Following Mike Kerslake as a replacement, is Donal Kavanagh from Waterford, Eire, who joins the ship next week. We can confirm that the station is on air, but only on FM, at present.

**m.v. NANNELL.** It was all quiet in Santander, until we received a Dutch newspaper reporting some action. The cutting was not used, as it was all in the Dutch language. It was dated Monday 19th January, and our good friends in Holland, Jos and Ary have sent a report on same...."A new offshore radio ship is ready to set sail to the North Sea. A Dutch organisation, carrying the name, The World Wide Broadcasting Corporation, will supply the new station with programmes. Everyone in the organisation is known, Peter van Dam, Tom Mulder (Veronica's Klaas Vaak), Kas van Lersel (Kas Collins on the VOP) and others. Jose van Groningen, a technician on the Veronica ship, Norderney, was in Spain to check out the ship. The Nannell plans to anchor off Noordwijk. The backers are well known landbased FM pirates from Nijmegen (Delta and Keizerstad) and Amsterdam (Unique). The WWBC is based in Pennsylvania. The new station will be on air on FM and AM. 801kHz. has been mentioned for the AM". The article ends by telling the readers that it seems as if the sixties are back, with all these stations. More and more listeners move to the offshore pirates and because of this, advertisers are also attracted, and so the story goes on....

**LASER HOT HITS.** The station continued to test, on and off, all week, on the usual frequency of 576kHz. Between breaks, both the signal and audio levels varied greatly in strength. Mainly taped announcements and parts of the new jingle package have been aired. However, at times, 'live' voices have been heard, including a female American voice (presumably Brandy Lee), in the afternoon, a male American voice around midday (possibly D.L. Bogart), and a very familiar English voice at breakfast-time. Today, Sunday, the station left the air at mid-day, after a series of test announcements by Andrew Turner. Andrew said they would be off the air for the rest of the day, and would re-start official programming at 06:00 Monday morning, with Brandy Lee. The station hope to operate 06:00 until midnight, each day as from tomorrow. Signal strength in our area, is below that of Radio Caroline, although is quite reasonable, considering the aerial array they are currently using (an 80 foot rear mast, and the ship's 40 foot front mast). It is said that the current transmitter power being used is 5kW, although the actual output must be much lower, due to the inefficient aerial system. The audio level, (modulation), does seem to be much lower than it used to be.

**CAROLINE.** Things have been very static this week on the **Ross Revenge**, with the lads, (and lass), enjoying a period of relatively calm weather. The station continues to close at 01:00, giving a week-day line-up of...05:00 Kevin Turner...09:00 Rob Charles...13:00 Richard Staines...17:00 Jamie King...21:00 Dave Ellis...01:00 Closedown. There has not been anything startling to report this week, although



one subscriber tells us that last Sunday, Kevin Turner was heard mentioning that a Police Launch had been taking advantage of the calm seas the previous afternoon, and circled both the m.v. Ross Revenge, and m.v. Communicator, taking photographs. Peter Philips, whom we reported had left the ship, made a return after only a few hours, although has not been heard hosting any shows. He was however, heard reading the news this morning, in place of Stuart Clark, (whose current nickname seems to be 'Gloria'). Jamie King read the 13:00 news on Sunday, suggesting that Stuart, is either having a rest, or has gone on shore leave. Peter was also heard on the tape for this week's Lotto 649 numbers, and on a new advert for the next Brighton Record Fayre, to be held on 8th February. On Monday, 'Tricky Dicky', tried his hand at baking biscuits, and after trying them, Kevin Turner subsequently 'lost' three fillings!

Strange things have been happening on 963kHz this week, following our comments in last week's report on the events last Saturday. No 'Overdrive', was heard at all by us between last Saturday's happenings; and Friday. However Ronnie reports that on Thursday, he heard an unidentified voice between 22:00 and 23:00, announcing 'test broadcasts' from the m.v. Ross Revenge. Music was heard on 963kHz on both Friday and Saturday, but we did not manage to catch anyone making any announcements.

Thanks to Ronnie and Stephen for supplying some of the above information, at times when we couldn't monitor the station ourselves.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** As reported in last week's news, **Radio Merseywaves** were down in power, and this was due to the fact that high power seems to bring out the DTI. The station hope to be back on 350/400 watts soon. They experienced a number of technical problems last week, and left the air around teatime on Sunday, although this was possibly due to a DTI scare at another station. They returned to the air after about 45 minutes, blaming 'technical problems'. Apart from this, the usual programming has gone out. It appears the station are commencing transmissions at the earlier hour of 10:00 on Fridays, whereas previously it was noon, and before that, 14:00. Some changes in presenters' spots have been noted this week, along with one new voice. The signal on 1242kHz., here in Blackpool, is excellent during daylight hours, and even after dark, quite

listenable, although one or two spells of them being inaudible occur, not unexpectedly. Station owner, Burt Williams, made a welcome Sunday afternoon appearance, with another show, full of interesting technical comments, along with some good 'solid gold' tunes. He mentioned that the station had rather high modulation this particular weekend, a fact we can confirm here. Car stickers are now available, and come in red, on white. These are free, on receipt of an SAE, from the mailing address, 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW. We hope to be able to offer a good quality recording of the station very shortly, in order for our readers out of the area, to hear a good successful pirate station.

**Radio Julie** on 104.8MHz., had a scare last Sunday (25th), when they thought they were in for a raid, but it turned out to be a false alarm, and apparently, was only a policeman complaining about the noise! The station has still not been received here (we really must endeavour to fix our storm damaged FM antenna), but reports suggest they could be on a 7 day a week schedule, despite announcing a 'Sunday only' operation.

**Central Radio**, heard last weekend, were reported to have closed down for about four weeks to re-organise things. However, the station was heard, here in Blackpool, both yesterday and today, with higher audio than of late, despite being blocked most of the time by a French station on the same channel of 1404kHz. Caroline North are also off air, due to 'difficulties'. Concept Radio are staying off for a few more weeks, in order to overhaul the equipment. Storeton Community Radio may have made a brief test, with carrier only, on the morning of 23rd January, on 1026kHz.

In nearby Widnes, a **WFM** has been reported on air. No frequencies are known, but the operators of WFM on the Wirral are apparently none too pleased about someone else using the same name.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Just **Radio PCRL**, noted here. The station have been heard all week, on 103.5MHz.

**LEEDS. ABC - FM** made a return to the air on Friday, following a raid several weeks ago. They broadcast on Friday nights and throughout the weekend, on 94.6MHz.

94.6 MHz FM STEREO

ABC FM

ALPHA BROADCASTING COMPANY

**Music City Radio (MCR)**, 90.3MHz, continues to plug away each night, from 18:00 until around midnight, with extended hours at the weekend. Programming is mainly of reggae music, and includes plenty of community announcements. Despite aiming at a local audience, the signal is reaching as far as Sheffield.

**LONDON.** Our loggers this weekend, report very little action from the city over the past week. **TKO**, on 90.7MHz. were heard this morning, on the east side of the city, and even their transmissions were somewhat intermittent. **Time FM** were noted most of the week, on 103.7MHz. as were **JBC** on 104.7MHz., from the North West London area. We have an interesting report concerning JBC, and a recent raid which was carried out on them. Apparently, at the time of the raid, a Channel 4 film crew, were at the location, and the resulting film is to be shown on TV. It should make interesting viewing, if it is allowed to be screened.

**THE SOUTH COAST. Radio Sovereign 105.0MHz.** This popular station continued to broadcast each Sunday evening up to last week, in stereo, to East Sussex and the Romney Marsh area of Kent, from 17:00 until 23:00. However, last Sunday, the DTI raided them at around 22:00 and confiscated all their gear. One operator was caught and he will no doubt be prosecuted at a later date. The station will be off the air until a new transmitter can be built.

**A.B.C. Radio 105.3MHz.** This station has been very active recently, as can be seen by the piece in the cuttings, this week. They broadcast each Sunday from 19:00 until 21:00. The DTI raided this station too, last Sunday, just 30 minutes into the broadcast, but were less successful. All the equipment was saved and no operators were caught in this case. The station plans to continue weekly and can be contacted at ABC, 28 Clyde Park, Hailsham, East Sussex.

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**Southdown Radio(S.D.R.) 105.6MHz.** A new sound for Eastbourne is SDR, who have been heard testing. They are ex members of ABC and can be contacted at SDR, P.O. Box 629, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Radio Orion is still off the air awaiting their court case which is due to be heard on 24th February. The case will be monitored by ABC staff and a full report will appear in "WR".

Finally, Patrick in Sheffield tells us that last Saturday evening, he was tuning the FM band and came across **WMR (Weekend Music Radio)** on 105.0MHz. It was announced that it was usually in parallel with 1611kHz.AM. The latter was actually received by Patrick a few weeks ago. The WMR mailing address was heard.....42 Arran Close, Cambridge. A report was sent at once.

**PLYMOUTH.** Following a brief mention recently, we have now received word from a spokesman from the station, **Radio Insomnia**, who have been noted in this area. They broadcast each evening, on 103.0MHz., with a power of 25 watts, from 20:00 to 22:00 or later. The music featured is a mixture of types, but avoiding the 'non-stop disco' sort of programming. Because of the hilly area in that region, only the West and centre of Plymouth receive a reasonable signal. However, the area is rather densely populated and a number of letters in, do prove people are listening. Our previous correspondent mentioned that their transmitter was drifting, but the station engineer insists that this is not so, as they use phase locked loop design, locking the frequency of the oscillator to that of the crystal. They go on to say that no other free radio activity is evident in that area. Our thanks to Russel for that news.

#### RADIO TIMES.....

31st January 1987.

### Bring us the music of our lives

As a lifelong music-lover, can I ask a question? Are Radios 1, 2 and 3 for people who don't like music? My car, unfortunately, has no cassette player, so my musical diet is supplied by these three sources: the constant drum-machine of Radio 1, the weary pap of Radio 2 and the hideous screechings of Radio 3.

My musical taste is wide - Bach, Sibelius, Debussy, jazz, blues, rock, funk. I'm happy listening to Sinatra's 'In the wee small hours' or ZZ Top's *Dequello*. I like music in large doses - radio just doesn't supply it in large enough quantities.

It seems to me that anybody with any discernment between, say, 17 and 45 is totally ignored - that's most of the LP-buying public. I know there are times in the day when good music is played - but how often? And for how long?

A friend of mine has just returned from six months in the United States and remarked on the difference. He cites radio stations which play quality rock music, ranging from Carol King and Neil Young through to Whitney Houston and Robert Cray, on the basis that it's good music rather than this week's 'pop' bash or that the over-85s won't object.

How about some programmes featuring whole albums - not just recent ones, but stuff from 15 years ago? What about all that marvellous stuff from the late 60s or early- to mid-70s which is totally ignored? Rather than play 'My guy' by Mary Wells for the 4,000th time, how about her 'You beat me to the punch' or 'Two lovers'?

Thirty years of rock music has produced so many wonderful cuts - why are they never played...?

Martin Gale

Cove, Hampshire

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### OFFICIAL NOTICES

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS (No 10 of 1987)

EAST COAST OF  
ENGLAND

THAMES ESTUARY

WRECK  
"MI AMIGO"

Latitude 51° 34'.95N  
Longitude 01° 17'.35E

#### Date:

On or about 30th January, 1987.

#### Amendment:

Buoy marking Wreck to be discontinued.

#### Present position:

320° about 450 feet from the Wreck.

Mariners are advised that at the time of a recent survey the clearance depth over the wreck was 2.6 metres L.A.T.

No further notice will be given.

By Order  
J. R. BACKHOUSE  
Secretary

Trinity House  
London EC3N 4DH

2nd January 1987

FREE RADIO MERCHANDISE FROM

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#### SHORTWAVE STATIONS....,Today's Log.

6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 08:40gmt.  
6206kHz...RADIO POGO 104, at 09:15gmt.  
6206kHz...RADIO SCORPIO, at 10:55gmt.  
6218kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 12:02gmt.  
6220kHz...RADIO TELSTAR, at 10:27gmt.  
6230kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 12:10gmt.  
6261kHz...THE VOICE OF GUERNSEY, at 09:14gmt.  
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 10:04gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:42gmt.  
6285kHz...W.L.R. at 13:14gmt.  
6293kHz...RADIO APOLLO, at 10:45gmt.  
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 10:54gmt.  
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 10:02gmt.  
6319kHz...RADIO SUNDAY INT., at 13:00gmt.  
6319kHz...ANGLO SAXON B/C Co., at 13:30gmt.  
6320kHz...UNID.(German), at 09:28gmt.  
6330kHz...EUROPA INTERNATIONAL, at 10:00gmt.  
6830kHz...UNID., at 11:03gmt.  
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:44gmt.  
7300kHz...THE VOICE OF GUERNSEY, at 09:14gmt.  
7300kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 10:04gmt.  
7371kHz...RADIO AQUARIUS, at 10:44gmt.

As usual, the logs in **bold**, were heard here in Blackpool, and the others were kindly supplied by loggers in the Midlands and in Kent. Glancing at the bold logs, we can only add that today's conditions on SW were abysmal. There was no sign of any Irish SW stations at our location, at all!

Radio Telstar gave out an address of P.O. Box 59, Ruurlo, Holland. The 7300kHz. transmissions were in parallel with those on 6261kHz.

After lunch, FMTR went on to relay the two above mentioned stations. Staying with FMTR, the station has received a report from Watertown in Connecticut, U.S.A., along with a tape recording of what the DX-er, Greg Bares, heard. Greg recorded positive identifications of FMTR and says that he has heard the station for a couple of weeks previously(4th and 11th Jan.), although heard no ID. He also says he heard a station on 6206.4kHz., which is possibly Radio Delmare.

Logs for **Saturday 31st January**, were 6206kHz...FREE RADIO COMPANY, and 6280kHz...RADIO ORION.

All in all, this weeks' shortwave listening conditions have been pretty poor.

There were no amendments to last week's log, and our thanks as usual to all who sent in their written logs.

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AT 8 PM



**STEREO FM  
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One would not have thought that the present British Telecom strike would have affected postal deliveries, but we were astonished to learn how many people received last week's issue late, which made us wonder. Having said that, a number also received same on Monday morning, which is not bad considering there is no Sunday working. On to other things now, and plenty of reading material to feast on this week, along with our diet of free radio listening and a bit of television on Saturday evening, but, as usual, all about that later.....

New readers may wish to subscribe to the Weekly Report, which comes to you along with at least one sheet of newspaper cuttings, and you may do so for as many weeks as required. The cost per week is 30p, posted second class within the U.K., 35p, posted first class, and also posted to EEC countries, including Eire, 40p posted to non-EEC countries like Sweden, Finland and Norway, and 50p posted air mail to other parts of the world.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** All the long awaited magazines seem to be arriving here at once. Following OEM 64, last week, **Monitor 35**, arrived here on Monday, and turns out to be the biggest yet, with 100 pages! Congratulations on reaching the century. It is possibly the first to do just this ? ? We certainly cannot recall others. The contents are devoted entirely to offshore matters and feature our two friends in the North Sea very strongly indeed. Having said that, other fields are covered and featured, such as, Monique, Viewpoint, the Mi Amigo mast, Paradijs, Mebo II, Sealand, Galaxy and lots, lots more, along with all the usual interviews and selection of recent photographs. Every offshore fan will want to own a copy and if you are not already on the Monitor direct mailing list, simply send us £1.90 right away, and we will do the rest in our usual speedy manner.

Next to arrive was Issue 12 (Dec. '86/Jan '87) of **<TX> Magazine, London's Alternative Radio Magazine**. 36 x A5 pages in the latest edition, extremely well laid out and presented, with all details of recent activity in and around the London area. Every London area free radio listener should not miss out here. Price is £1.25.

Not quite as regular as the above two, **Zeezenders >>86<<** has appeared, following the successful >>85<< edition. Just 32 x A5 pages here, mainly in Dutch but containing a number of photographs and promotional material. Offered in Holland at 8.50 Guilders, this would work out more expensive than last time, basically due to the poor exchange rate being encountered at present. However, we are offering initial supplies at the reduced price of £1.90.

On the subject of poor exchange rates, some promotional material has already gone out, advertising the current edition of Offshore Echo's (No. 64) at £1.80. Due to the same reason as above, this has had to be increased to £1.90. However, a subscription is still being offered for £8.50 for 5 issues, which works out that bit cheaper, so now is obviously the time to subscribe to Europe's No.1 Offshore Radio Magazine.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Just four in this section, this week. Two editions of **Play-DX** arrived,

445 and 447. (446 is no doubt taking a longer route!). All the usual mass of excellent logs in this predominantly Italian magazine. Details can be obtained from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy, enclosing either an IRC or some radio station stickers.....**Media Monitor** Issue 45 has 20 x A5 pages of general up to date radio news, with the London pirates and short wave featured. A sample copy will cost £1.00 from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA.....From Free Radio Service Holland comes **F.R.S. goes DX**, Issue 55. F.R.S. goes DX is a monthly radio magazine which informs about radio in general and free radio in particular. FRS Holland is an independent short wave free radio station which officially started in August 1980. An annual subscription costs DM 17.50/£5.00/17.50 Guilders, payable in cash or by Eurocheque, to F.R.S.H., Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, Holland.

**TAPE OFFER.** In this week's offer, we take a listen to one of the largest of the Irish independent stations, outside of Dublin. Tape 23 features **Boyneside Radio**, from Drogheda, part of which is the last hour of the famous Heddy Eddie afternoon show. For Tape 24, we return to the States, and feature yet another New York station, **WPIX - FM**. This station has a slow music format, which could be possibly described as 'love songs'. As usual, both tapes are 90 minutes long, and are in FM stereo, and priced at £2.00 each.

**GENERAL.** 'The theme tunes thing'....One third of the A-UK team have assembled a splendid sheet, with the help of Monitor magazine, Alan Watts and lots of other correspondents. A staggering 72 theme tunes have been listed. This is only the tip of the iceberg, as other names, tunes and things keep springing to mind. We could eventually, with many people's help, expand the list considerably, add record labels and numbers, even add radio station tune titles. The possibilities are endless. But first of all, anyone interested, and lots have shown interest already, should get a copy of this list. It is quite free, simple request a copy the next time you write to us, or telephone us on (0253) 882017, asking for one to be included with your next "WR". We need more information



and if you have some, add it to the list and send it back to us, we will then send you an amended one. This week's question now....Who used the tune "Shazam" by the Shadows? Our guess is Mike Marriott on Caroline North....any comments. Finally, all the tunes on the list are in demand, anyone with copies for sale should let us know. 'International Reply Coupons'. Due to an unbelievable demand for International Reply Coupons, which is not surprising when you consider how much they cost in the Post Office, our stocks are at present exhausted. Until stocks again build up, please be prepared for disappointment with this section of your order.

'RNLI Appeal'. Our fund stands at £72.00. Only £28 to go to our target. How to help? ....Send us £1.00, which we will donate to the above cause. In return, we will send you a 1986 Christmas card, with that excellent photo of the Communicator, and a 1985 one, thrown in as well.

**WANTED.** In 1974, Caroline spent quite a lot of time advertising "The Prince of Heaven's Eyes" Show Tour by the group called Fruupp. An L.P. was released on Dawn Records (DNLH 2). Wanted.....the L.P., or a tape recording of same, and, if possible, a recording of the promo off Caroline. Derek Norry, 58 Wealdstone, Woodside, Telford, Shropshire TF7 5PT.

**WANTED,** to buy, or swap.....a tape recording of Radio One's "Bates in the States" from Boston and/or New York....contact Chris Dennison, 33 John Bold Avenue, Stoney Stanton, Leicester LE9 6DP.

**WANTED,** good quality country and western jingles for use on a C & W, community run station....contact Joe at P.O. Box 39, Waterford, Eire.

**WANTED,** urgently, Stuart Henry radio recordings, Radios Scotland, One or Luxembourg. Air-checked would be O.K.....contact M.D. Harker, 54 Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5AQ.

**FOR SALE.** **Overdrive Review of the Year** with Mark Matthews and John Tyler. Christmas Day through to Boxing Day condensed into a one hour, very amusing tape. Most definitely a collector's item.....Price is £3.00 inc. P.& P. from CM Thanet (cheques and P.O.'s made out to this), c/o Jenny Knight, 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Near Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ. Profits all going to 'a good cause'.

**FOR SALE.** Following a great amount of interest in our American audio tapes, a chance to see behind the scenes and how the stations work. IBC have about ten copies of a two hour video tape, converted from the American system to our U.K. system. Each tape has a vast number of excellent items. We can vouch for this statement, as we have actually seen a sample copy. The quality is quite fair. The cost of each tape is £15.00, from Irish Broadcast Consultants, 39 Antrim Road, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, BT67 9BW. It might be an idea to telephone, in view of there only being 10 copies. Also, more details can be obtained...(07622) 22024 (This is a U.K. number). Ask for Miles.

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.**

**DUBLIN.** Energy 103 seem to have joined Q 102 in featuring mammoth giveaways. Whilst one station advertises 'Dublin's biggest giveaway', the other one replies with 'Ireland's biggest giveaway'. Still, if it attracts the listeners, that is what it is all about. Energy have opted for the 'playing of three advertised songs' in a certain order, after which, the .....th caller wins £10,000. This giveaway was often featured on Nova and the original Kiss FM, with much success, we might add. The voice of Tony Allan was heard on this particular promo. Other giveaways have also been noted throughout the week.....'Phone Fun', when Energy telephone you, you answer with "Hello, you must be from Energy 103". Apparently, £30,000 is up for grabs here. Everytime the phone is answered differently than above, £100 is added to the prize..... 'Seek and collect'. Clues are given out at random, at any time of the day. You have to find a set of keys for a Peugeot 205. These could be hidden anywhere in Dublin. Whoever is successful, takes the keys back to Energy headquarters at Leeson Street and wins said motor car.....'Instant Replay'. Listeners to the station can win £10.00 for each record named during the past hour or so, on being telephoned.

Current line-up on the station.....06.00 Gareth O'Callaghan, 10:00 Tony McKenzie, 15:00 Colm Hayes, 17:00 John O'Hara, midnight (Mon to Wed), Alan Burns...(Thurs and Friday) Derek Flood. Weekend presenters include Noel Collins and Ernie Gallagher. News-readers....Michael Lewis, George Long, Tina Gates and Sybil Fennell.

Liam Quigley, we understand, has left the station.

A promo heard this week asked for would-be new presenters and news readers to send in demonstration tapes.

Finally, Energy have started an oldies programme, sponsored by Dun Laoghaire Shopping Centre, from 15:00 till 18:00 each Sunday, with John O'Hara.

Over at Q 102, a competition offering a week away with one of three named presenters has been heard being promoted, along with the well tried out 'Three songs' competition.

At Sunshine 101/Hot Hits calls are still being made to subscribers. The one who answers the telephone with 'I listen to the red hot sounds of Sunshine 101' stands to win £10,000.

Never has so much money been on offer from stations to listeners, in this city.

On K.L.A.S. 98.5, the voices of Paul Kavanagh and Brian Lambert have been heard of late. Paul also works on Sunshine. Brian used to work on Energy and after that, Kiss FM, prior to the raid, which put them off the air. A report on Radio West's free radio show mentioned that Bob Gallico's Big Band programme (The Time of Your Life? ) has been heard.

Smile FM, on 94.2MHz. are apparently very strong in the city centre. A report mentions plenty of adverts being aired.

Tests on 1116kHz., are for the new medium wave service of **Heartbeat**. The station currently operates on FM, 95.5MHz. and is reported to be sounding very well indeed. The music is said to be superb. Tracey Evans has joined from **Radio Dublin**, we understand. On St. Valentines Day, they intend to play the Top 100 Records (Love Songs).

A signal on 107.0MHz.FMm, described as fairly weak, at present, is thought to be in readiness for a station owned and run by ex Energy presenter, Derek Jones.

Finally in Dublin, a late report tells us that **Treble T.R. Radio** have plans for additional channels on AM and FM. The popular long established station can be heard on 945kHz.AM, and 99.5MHz.FM.

Co. LOUTH. **Radio Carousel N.I.**, on 1260kHz, seemed to be on and off during the week, with a test tone being heard on Saturday morning, and a blank carrier being in evidence a lot of the time. Judging by the advert below, which was taken from the Sunday World newspaper, the station is definitely trying to pull in the listeners, who used to tune in to the Big 'O', on Boyneside Radio North.

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It can now be confirmed that East Coast Radio from Ardee, on 1044kHz.AM and 97.7MHz.FM, have now closed down(24th January). Lack of advertising revenue has been suggested as the reason for the close, but this is only a suggestion and not a statement from the station.

Co. DONEGAL. **North West Community Radio(NWCR)** have activated a second AM transmitter, on 1134kHz., in addition to 1116kHz. Although not yet received here, it has been confirmed as being received in that area.

**WATERFORD.** According to a report, again, on today's Anorak Show on Radio West, by Joe Cashin, of Riverside Radio Int., **Crystal City Sound**, have moved their MW transmitter frequency, from 1332kHz up to 1512kHz. We hope, that in Waterford, they do not suffer as much interference from BRT, in Belgium, as we do, here in Blackpool.

**CORK.** **WBEN** recently acquired a new stereo FM transmitter and were broadcasting last week with an output of 650 watts. Current line-up reads.....07:00 Tony Black, 11:00 Steve O'Neil,



15:00 Rob Allen, 19:00 Steve Miller or Tony Lewis, 22:00 Scott Shannon, 02:00 Tapes or non stop music. Other on air staff include Brian Hughes, Ken Regis, Steve Davis and Paul Davis. Station owner, Romano, presents 'Oldies and Irish' each Sunday morning. A 'hitline' is in operation, and each day at 17:15, the ten most requested songs during the day are played.

**STEREO 98 FM**

**1386 MW**

**WIBEN**

**JAZZ**

**WHERE THE MUSIC'S ON**

Radio ERI's line-up remains the same as last printed.

**LIMERICK.** Apparently, only **Radio Luimni** are broadcasting on AM in this city. 1125kHz. is the channel, and now Radio Carousel have closed down, more people should be able to receive the station. Having said that, a BBC station in Wales, on the same channel, does prevent this quite often.

In addition to the above station, heard in the area on FM are The Sound Channel, City Centre Radio and Stereo Radio Munster.

In nearby Ennis, Co. Clare, **West Coast Radio** can be heard, but only locally, on 101.0MHz.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports this week.

**THE m.v. NANNELL.** Nothing further to add to last week's news.

**CAROLINE.** Well, once again, not a lot to report here this week. The line-up has remained constant throughout the week, only shuffling around at the weekend, to give Kevin Turner a rest from his early rises for the the breakfast show. The station is continuing to close down in the early hours, which gives the 20 hour per day lineup as ...05:00 Kevin Turner...09:00 Rob Charles...13:00 Richard Staines...17:00 Jamie King...21:00 Dave Ellis...01:00 Closedown.

Richard 'Tricky Dickie' Staines, seems to be settling in very well on the afternoon slot, and he includes plenty of jokes and other amusing items between the records, making the show sound very 'jolly'. His silly French phraes, for use when on holiday, seem to have gone down quite well with those listeners who have heard them. At one point he had to try and stop laughing, as his chapped lips were giving him a lot of pain. However, after the use of a blob of moisturising cream, the laughs continued. Following the departure of Stuart Clark last weekend, the start of the week, brought various of the D.J.'s into the newsreading roll, including Richard Staines, Jamie King and Peter Philips. However, this soon settled down to Peter Philips being the main reader of the bulletins. He now reads both the morning, and early evening bulletins. The 13:00 news, is now being read by Jamie King. No doubt, due to the England cricket victory against Australia, this weekend, there will be plenty of amusing comments, both on and offair, aimed at Jamie. We have not monitored any new adverts here this week, although it may be we missed them, as last week, when we forgot to mention the promotion for th Caroline Rock Show, in Harrow. Over on 963kHz, Caroline Overdrive, has been on the air with only continuous music, for a very short time this week. We did not monitor it ourselves, but Ronnie reports that he heard continuous music on Monday from the close of Viewpoint 963, at 21:30, until around 23:00. On Tuesday, this had been reduced to 22:00, and on Wednesday, there was nothing following the end of the religious programming. We also listened ourselves, both Friday and Saturday, thinking that the weekend may bring a few hours of rock music, but didn't hear anything. So it looks as though we will have to wait for a suitable presenter to arrive on board, before we hear any more rock music. This does seem rather a shame, as judging by the number of enquiries we have recieved, asking if we know why the service is not

on the air, the service had a lot of listeners.

**LASER 'HOT HITS'** As promised, last Sunday, when the station left the air at mid-day, regular programmes resumed at 06:00, on Monday morning, on 576kHz. There was a resumption, of a lot of the promotions and adverts, heard before Christmas, but this time they have been re-recorded by the two current D.J.'s on board the m.v. Communicator. Those for station-related goods, heard by us, so far, are for Car Stickers (for 2 IRC's), T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Jumpers, Elvis Book. Also heard are adverts for a Skiing holiday, and the newspaper Sunday Sport. The 'Power Plays', have also been noted returning, at the top of the hour, straight after the news.

The line-up during the first part of the week, was...06:00 Brandy Lee...10:00 D.L. Bogart...14:00 Brandy Lee. Due to the signal being inaudible during the evening, the lineup at that time is not exactly known, but Ronnie, in Filey reports that D.L. Bogart is once again on the air at 18:00, and he continues through until 22:00, after which continuous music is broadcast until closedown around midnight. Andrew Turner, has returned to read the news at a couple of minutes up to the hour. On Wednesday, announcements were given out, that after recieving reception reports, it was noticed that listeners in Scotland, couldn't hear the station. Because of this, the station would be leaving the air for one hour, between, 14:00 and 15:00, in order that listeners in Scotland would obtain better reception. Laser, did leave the air at 14:00, and returned at 15:00, as promised, although the signal strength here was unchanged. On Friday, the lineup was completely different, and this seemed to be due to the roughish weather, causing Brandy Lee, to be somewhat ill. She actually started the mornings programmes at 06:00, but at 06:35, Andrew Turner took over until 08:00. He mentioned that the ship was rocking, and Brandy is not used to the sea. D.L. Bogart, then took over until mid-day, when Brandy, managed to host programming until 15:00. At this point, Andrew Turner read the news, and followed it with yet another programme. The shows seemd to be back to normal at the weekend however. Signal strength here is not as good as Radio Caroline, however considering the poor aerial array, it is remarkable how well the signal is getting out. Hopefully in the coming weeks, they will manage to erect a better, and higher mast, in order to improve the signal in the evenings.

A late report just in, tells us that on the Radio 4 programme, 'Today', there was apprently an interview with the DTI and Ray Anderson of EAP, obviously regarding the Communicator. The exact day or time of transmission was not known, although it is thought to be in the last few days, and at about 07:00/08:00. Anyone with more details, or a recording would perhaps like to call us, or write in.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** Very poor conditions here, due to lots of continental interference, meant that only **Radio Merseywaves**, on 1242kHz, could be heard this weekend. This station however, was not plagued with any interference here, due to it's high power. Extended hours were once again noted, as the station surfaced at 08:00 on Friday morning, going through until the early hours of the next day. These hours seem to be in operation over the four broadcasting days. All the normal presenters seem to have been noted and last week's newcomer was called Kevin Jordan, although we have not actually heard him ourselves.

We are pleased to say that thanks to some fair weather, we have finally managed to fix our stormdamaged FM antenna. As a result, we have once again, been able to receive **Radio Julie** on 104.8MHz., both yesterday and again, today, although rather poorly, as FM conditions have not been terribly good this weekend. The station at present operates the same days as RMW, although not starting quite as early as they do, on Fridays and Mondays. A mailing address was heard aired..."Casita" 78 Barnston Road, Thingwall, Wirral, Merseyside L61 7XW.

A blank carrier has once again been noted on 1026kHz., on occasions, and we understand that Storeton Community Radio are set to return to the airwaves very soon.

In his report for last week, Tim Jackson also mentions **CDFM** on 105.2MHz., with 'test transmissions' last Sunday evening.

Finally, we understand that Radio Julie operator is to appear at Birkenhead Magistrates Court on Tuesday 24th February, in connection with a raid some time ago. Whilst on this subject, in nearby North Wales, Radio Annabelle operator is to appear in Mold County Court at 10:00, on Monday 16th February, in connection with a raid some five months ago. We hope to report the outcome of both cases in furture issues.



LEEDS. Things were very quiet during the early part of the week, with no stations being heard until Music City Radio returned to the air on Thursday evening, with plenty of adverts noted at the start of the transmission. the station has also been logged on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Frequency, as usual is 90.3MHz.

ABC - FM, on 94.6MHz, started its normal weekend transmissions on Friday night, but was not heard until late on Saturday, at which point the transmitter seemed to have drifted down to around 94.4MHz, and the signal strength was only a fraction of what it used to be.

## Councillor warned on pirate radio ad

A COUNCILLOR who wants to place an advertisement on an illegal pirate radio station could face prosecution.

Coun Fred Rose, personnel and employment officer for a YTS centre in Winson Green, Birmingham, wants to use the controversial People's Community Radio Line to attract black applicants for the £6,000-a-year supervisor's post.

Coun Rose, a Labour member of Birmingham City Council, said he would be asking his scheme's managing agents to agree to place the advert.

A DTI spokesman said that anyone aiding and abetting an illegal radio station could face prosecution under the Wireless and Telegraphy Act.

PCRL, which is currently broadcasting from a secret studio, is illegal because it does not have a DTI licence.

went straight out and bought some more equipment, to get back on the air as soon as possible. HITS - FM, were heard testing once again, during the week, on a frequency around 92.7MHz. They were apparently airing some custom made Bill Mitchell jingles. The station hasn't been heard by our reporter, since. This week, TKO, on 90.6MHz, is reported to be the only station to have been heard most of the week. Starpoint Radio were heard back on the air in the week, after a long time away from the airwaves. The frequency to look out for them on, is 94.2MHz. LWR, also returned to the air yesterday, on 92.0MHz, following DTI activity last week. Other stations reported heard yesterday were CDR, on 88.6MHz, RJR, on 89.9MHz, KISS - FM, on 93.9MHz, Time - FM, on 103.7MHz, JBC, on 104.8MHz, and London Greek Radio, on 105.0MHz, with LGR having a much stronger signal this week. Another Greek station was also heard on 91.7MHz, but the actual name of this has not yet been determined. At the time of writing (Sunday lunchtime), Starpoint, KISS FM, and TKO are once again off the air.

Finally in this section, we carried a report last week from Patrick in Sheffield, who said he had heard a Weekend Music Radio on FM the previous night. The operator of WMR, who uses the Cambridge mailing address tells us that it was definitely not them. Colin in Rotherham reports a small low powered WMR operating on 105MHz., in the South Yorkshire area, but doubts if it would be strong enough to reach Sheffield. Apparently, they operate each Saturday and Sunday evening, and even used to use 1611kHz., like the other WMR, although this has now been dropped. As for the Cambridge mailing address, another reporter mentions that the station had a media programme, and wondered if mention was made in this programme, to the other operation. The mystery continues!

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In Northamptonshire, we have a report, of a low power station called Radio Susan. They apparently operate at weekends only, on 107MHz.

GLASGOW. Radio Mercury, were heard back on the air today, after a long absence. They were broadcasting a programme by Colin Scott, which was obviously live, as mention was made of a live appearance of the group 'China Crisis' in the 'Pavilion' tonight. The frequency was announced as 97.5MHz, They were actually logged on 97.55MHz, and the signal was said to be strong. Following 'News' at 15:00, the 'H.G. Wells Show' was aired, until closedown at 16:00. It is thought that they will be back on air next weekend.

LONDON. The first thing to report this week, was an interesting programme on Channel 4 television, last night. The show included a ten minute report, on some of the Greek and Reggae music stations in the London area, and featured actual film of a recent raid on JBC, which included the removal of all the equipment by the DTI. It also showed how futile the raids are on these specialist stations, as after the raid, the staff

## SHORTWAVE STATIONS...Today's Log.

6206kHz...RADIO LIMIT, at 09:52gmt.  
6206kHz...RADIO PRIVAT, at 11:32gmt.  
6206kHz...RADIO DISCOLINE, at 13:53.  
6206kHz...RADIO DELMARE, at 15:43gmt.  
6230kHz...UNID., at 10:17gmt.  
6235kHz...UNID.(possibly Spectrum), at 09:15gmt.  
6236kHz...UNID., at 10:10gmt.  
6241kHz...SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM., at 10:39gmt.  
6261kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 12:09gmt.  
6266kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:52gmt.  
6269kHz...RADIO TUTENCHAMEN, at 10:07gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 11:41gmt.  
6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:05gmt.  
6285kHz...UNID., at 11:14gmt.  
6285kHz...W.L.R., at 13:18gmt.  
6290kHz...W.M.R., at 12:20gmt.  
6292kHz...RADIO NEPTUNE, at 09:55gmt.  
6300kHz...RADIO NOVA INT., at 12:02gmt.  
6310kHz...RADIO IRELAND INT., at 10:11gmt.  
6319kHz...F.M.T.R., at 10:00gmt.  
6330kHz...EUROPA INT., at 10:13gmt.  
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 11:30gmt.  
7320kHz...UNID., at 09:42gmt.  
7370kHz...UNID., at 11:49gmt.  
7374kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:55gmt.

As usual, the logs printed above in bold, were stations recieved by us, here in Blackpool, and others kindly telephoned in by subscribers in Kent, South Yorkshire and the Midlands. The reception conditons were much better than last week, with most stations audible all the time, although once again we had a few problems recieving the Irish stations, at times.

Radio Rainbow was not heard here, once again, although their usual frequency of 6240kHz, was being used by Spectrum Leisure Communications. Spectrum were thought to be checking that Rainbow were not on the air, as they did not commence programming until around 10:30. Prior to this a few old Uptown Radio, and Bob Earl programme extracts were aired, after which the transmitter was switched off, presumably for the operators to check the frequency.

Radio Orion mentioned that they were carrying out late night tests on 6240kHz. These would commence at around 23:00 until 02:00.

Prince Terry on Westside Radio mentioned that he may be on the air next Sunday morning, on 11463kHz., early. he has carried out these tests before at around 07:00gmt.

Radio Ireland Int., were heard playing a tape of the Radio Nova closedown, from back in May 1983.

Amendments to last Sunday's log from Podney, include BRITAIN RADIO INT., on 6230kHz, at 10:25gmt...SPECTRUM LEISURE COMMUNICATION, on 6239kHz, at 11:09gmt....4FWS, on 6240kHz, at 09:22gmt....RADIO SOUNDS (via R. Skywave), on 6261kHz, at 11:54gmt.

## Log for Saturday, 7th January 1987.

6206kHz...RADIO FREETIME, at 11:12gmt.  
6206kHz...4FWS, at 14:02gmt.  
6280kHz...R.E.C.C. (via Orion), at 10:05gmt.  
6280kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:43gmt.  
6910kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 08:43gmt.  
7375kHz...RADIO CALDONIA, at 10:45gmt.

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According to ITV's 'Oracle' last Monday, the Government say the pirates are losing the battle of the airwaves, and only seven regular operators now remain. Our answer to this is...nonsense, and regular readers will realise this. Granted, the DTI are extremely active and there were apparently 317 raids last year, with 124 convictions and fines totalling £35,000. There is only one way to eliminate the pirates, provide a choice of programming on a local basis (low power FM's), and make pirate broadcasts obsolete. The ILR in the meantime, continues to merge and attempt to merge, so that what we are likely to end up with is one national commercial station, even before the planned national commercial station emerges. A question just in, asks..."what happens to confiscated equipment, taken during a raid?" According to recent information, sales are organised by the authorities, locally, and equipment taken during a raid, and not handed back, following the court case, is auctioned off. We are lead to believe that everything is sold, with the exception of the transmitter, whether this is scrapped, or dismantled and sold separately, we are not certain. So would be operators, watch out for local DTI sales, for bargains.

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Following the overwhelming success of our recent photograph sets, we now offer....."**Caroline 558, Winter '86/'87**". Yet another set of five outstanding jumbo glossy, colour prints taken on board the m.v. Ross Revenge, recently. Five shots, all a bit out of the ordinary, this time....1. The Caroline logo on the side of the bridge, featuring '558', 2. Looking from the bridge to the front of the ship, during very heavy seas, 3. On the back of the ship, looking up at the mast, 4. Still on the back, looking across the deck, and the word 'Caroline', into the sunset, 5. Finally, on the back, looking out to sea, past the mast guys, the lifebelt and the lamps. Once again, a highly recommended set. Cost is £2.50.....

**Radio Hauraki Black and White mini poster.** This is the first material offered from 'down under' and shows the 'Tiri' sailing. An excellent addition to your memorabilia collection. Price is 75p each or 2 for £1.00, posted in a hard walled tube for protection.....The February 1987 edition, of **FRM** (Free Radio Magazine), is now in stock. This glossy magazine, is printed entirely in the Dutch language, and features in depth articles, on various stations/personalities in Holland. There is also a section on the offshore stations by John Wendale. This 42 page issue, which is thicker than last month's, has a colour cover, and several b/w photographs to accompany the articles. Cost is £1.90.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** For those interested mainly in shortwave, **Radiotelex** is a must. Issue 92/Vol. 4, of this two-weekly newsheet, is now available, and features all the SW free radio stations logged in the previous two weeks. There is also more detailed news on several stations, in each issue. A sample copy, and subscription details, can be obtained from us, price 40p. Subscriptions themselves, must be taken out direct with Radiotelex, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D-4100 Duisberg 12, West Germany.....Issue 20, of **Now**

**Radio**, has 32 pages of radio news and views about both legal, illegal, and foreign radio stations. Part 2 of an interesting talk, by Ted Allebury (of Radio 390 fame), is also featured. This publication, is also produced every two weeks, and a sample copy can be obtained for £1.00, from...Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering NN16 0NW.....**PLAY-DX**. No. 448 arrived this week, and as usual, contains news on the reception of the more obscure legal stations on both MW and SW. This A4 newsheet, is printed mainly in Italian, and can be obtained from Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.

**TAPE OFFER.** For those of you who remember how U.S. AM radio used to sound with the 'fast and loud' D.J., then Tape 25 contains probably the nearest to them, but on FM, of the stations we have offered so far. **WQHT - FM**, or **HOT 103** as it is known in New York, features Al Bandero and Bill Lee playing the disco type music in the Top 40. Tape 26 features, by request, a studio recording of **Radio Merseywaves**, with part of a Dave Collins breakfast/morning show. The quality on this tape is very good, although the audio compression is not as great, as you would probably hear it on air, due to this being added even more, at the broadcast site. The price for these excellent quality, 90 minute recordings, is £2.00 each.

**CONTACTS GALORE.** For the benefit of new subscribers, this section is designed to put you in touch with other 'anoraks', who share similar interests. John Macleod, would like to hear from any enthusiasts who enjoy listening to Laser 'Hot Hots', Caroline and Monique. He would also like to write to any subscribers in the Dublin area. Anyone interested, can contact John at....235 Mackintosh Road, Raigmore Estate, Inverness IV2 3UB.

**GENERAL.** Briefly, on Theme Tunes, thanks for all the continuing flood of info, which has astonished us, to say the least, keep it coming.



Our list will be drastically updated in about ten days time. No further news on recent questions posed. Two questions to ponder on this week.....Mike Ahern used a number of tunes (see list), we re-call a tune entitled 'Soul Sauce' by Cal Tjader (actually in our possession), which he seemed to play each morning. Was it another theme of his, or just a favourite? 'Daffy' Don Allen tells us he received a letter from Mike this week, from Australia. We may just drop him a line on this matter and ask him about his current activities, and even seek a recording. Question two....Does anyone know the tune Bert Bennett used on his Radio Mi Amigo shows, at the start and finish. It was possibly a pop version of a classical piece, maybe by the group, 'Apollo 100'.

**WANTED.** "Scotch On The Rocks" by Force 10, on Decca Records. (Often heard on RNI in 1972). Record or recording will do. Contact P.O. Box 539 (reference Ian).

**WANTED.** A recording of Cosmos Radio from Nottingham. Contact David Elsworth on (0302) 531838

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.**

**DUBLIN.** **Q 102** has been monitored more, here this week. A new competition, called 'The Dirty Dozen' has been introduced. Ten very brief extracts of records are played in a row, the third caller is brought on the air and has to get the titles of the records, in the correct order. In other words, if you miss the first record, that is the end, etc. This appeared to us to be a very difficult one. £10.00 was at stake for each record correctly.

From 12:00 until 16:00 yesterday, the station had an outside broadcast from the Switzers department store in the city centre. During the broadcast, a winner of their 'three records in a row' phone competition, the one where the lucky tenth caller, on repeating the slogan, 'I listen to Q 102, all the time', Geraldine Byrne, received £1500, which station manager, Mike Hogan, counted out, live on air. Numerous station personalities were present at the O.B.

**Heartbeat**, recently only to be heard on 95.5MHz.FM, was noted on Wednesday, with a good strong signal, on 1116kHz.AM. As mentioned last week, Tracey Evans, formerly with **Radio Dublin**, was heard on the air, plugging the new medium wave service, which had obviously only just commenced.

For those who remember hearing Phil Hilton on the Radio West free radio programme, we understand that Phil will be making a guest appearance on another free radio show, on Friday 20th February, on Bernard Evans's free radio show on **Tallaght Community Radio**, on 1359kHz., 91.8MHz., at 20:00.

**Co. DUBLIN.** **Pulsar 98**, who can also be heard sharing medium wave air time, on **Community Radio Fingal's** 1575kHz. transmitter, now have a mailing address.....Unit 2, Balbriggan Shopping Centre, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.



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**Co. LOUTH.** An unidentified transmission, initially with carrier only, followed by non-stop music, was noted around Sunday lunch-time, on 1125kHz., the old Radio Carousel frequency. Direction suggests the County Louth area as the source of the signal. ?? As foreign interference increased during the afternoon, the transmissions were plagued by a severe 'growling' noise. The signal was very strong, in fact, about the same as Carousel used to be!

Another report from this area, tells us of a **Tower Radio 108 FM**. This appears to be broadcasting from North of Dunleer, on 108.1MHz.!

**Boyneside Radio North** are reported to be back on FM on a regular basis, once again, following a bad patch. Frequency is 101.2MHz. and E.R.P is estimated to be about 20kw.

Further North still, in fact almost on the border, **ZEE 103** are still noted on high power. The signal is heard widely in the North East of Ireland. E.R.P is thought to be in the region of about 120Kw., from a site, 600 feet above sea level. Frequency is 103.25MHz.

**SLIGO.** Chris reports from the North West.....**West Coast Radio** continue, announcing 'test transmissions' on 262m.(1143kHz.). They have introduced a new FM transmitter and are announcing this as 103.5MHz. **West Side Radio** can also be heard on 97.5MHz., in the city.

## WEST COAST RADIO

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**Co. DONEGAL.** **Radio Nova 2** have now changed their name slightly, dropping the '2'. The station have re-launched themselves and moved the medium wave transmitter from 1323 to 1287kHz., the latter being audible here, during peak ground wave time. Cash and holiday giveaways are currently being offered. The station operates out of Fahan. In nearby Buncrana, **North West Community Radio (NWCR)** have been received here, on 1134kHz.(reported on, in last week's report), although not as good a signal as **Radio North** or 1404kHz. The 1116kHz. signal is also audible at times during the day and night.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** No reports from Israel this week.

**M.V. NANNELL.** A couple of reports reached us during the week, indicating that this vessel had sailed from it's anchorage in or near Santander, Spain. No further reports of it's sighting are at hand, but Holland has been mentioned as a possible destination. Wenow await further developments/confirmation.

**LASER 'HOT HITS'.** Numerous correspondents and callers are asking the same question on this subect.....Has anyone actually received anything, (goods or correspondence), from Laser Hot Hits? If anyone has, we should be pleased to hear from them by letter, or telephone (0253) 882017. Please



don't write and tell us that you have sent money, as many people have, we just want to know if anyone has actually had a reply. Please note that memorabilia offered by us in our current merchandise list, relates to "Laser 558". Having said that, the goods offered, Posters, Post Cards, T - Shirts, Sweat-Shirts and stickers etc., are of the highest quality and feature the excellent '558' logo. These items continue to sell at a fast rate and we fully intend to continue stocking them, due to this demand.

After listening to just two presenters for the majority of last week, John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony, made a re-appearance to the line-up, we believe from Monday night. He has so far only been heard in the evenings starting at 18:00, so only those in coastal areas of Kent and Essex, will have heard his shows with good strength. Brandy Lee is still hosting the Breakfast Show until 10:00, when D.L. Bogart takes over. In his show, he has introduced a Laser lunch talk, and also re-introduced a 'gig guide' at 13:15gmt, where forthcoming concerts are advertised. Lots of new adverts have been aired this week, and the ones we have monitored here, so far, are for North City Autos (Vauxhall Cars), MLG of Chiswick (BMW Cars), The Sofa Bed Shop (Bromley), Richer Sounds Hi-Fi, Discount Furniture (Kings Cross), and Now Radio Newsletter. On Saturday, the signal seemed to be suffering from a few pops, signifying some problems with the aerial system. At around 13:20, a brief announcement was made that due to a storm, the station was going off the air indefinitely. The carrier was switched off immediately. Strangely, the weather reports on Radio Caroline, gave the seas as only moderate! The station returned again at around 17:30, and continuous music was noted until just before 18:00, when Andrew Turner read the news. This was followed by a John Anthony programme. Today, the station was heard as normal in the morning, but as we tuned in mid-afternoon, it had once again left the air, but as we didn't hear it go off, we are unsure as to the reasons, but there was a North Easterly gale blowing at the time. The station has since returned (18:00).

**CAROLINE.** Only one major change on the 558kHz service this week, and that is the departure of Peter Philips from the news service, which he had been reading during most of last week. The news is now being shared between Richard Staines, who reads the morning bulletins, and Kevin Turner, who seems to read the afternoon news. The station continues to close early, at 01:00, and the lineup is still...05:00 Kevin Turner...09:00 Rob Charles...13:00 Richard Staines...17:00 Jamie King...21:00 Dave Ellis...01:00 Closedown. 'Tricky Dickie', is still continuing with his humorous shows, and now the nights are becoming lighter, it is possible for us to hear a bit more of his programme. As Valentines Day loomed on Saturday, Kevin Turner seemed very distressed, that the postman had not brought any Valentine Cards, and along with this he also mentioned that the morning papers had not yet arrived. He presumed that the paper boy had thrown the newspapers too far, and that they had gone over the other side of the ship and missed the deck. We wonder whether his comments meant, that an 'anorak' boat had gone straight past the Ross Revenge in favour of having a look at the Communicator?

Once again, we have noted no programmes from 'Overdrive' this week. At the end of Viewpoint 963, Rob Charles now announces that programmes on 963 have concluded for the evening, and will return in the morning, with Radio Monique. Clive in East Sussex, puts us a bit more in the picture, about what has happened over the past few weeks. He reports, that there has been no 'Overdrive' programming whatsoever, since February 3rd, when Richard Staines, was putting out continuous music, and saying very little. The main hint at what might supercede Overdrive in future, came in the early hours of Sunday 25th January, when Mark Matthews, Andy Johnson and Mike Watts were hosting a test transmission of Caroline 963, and played A.O.R. music. At the 04:00 closedown (which we missed, as our tape had run out by then), Mark said "If you like what you have heard, than stick around, or 'listen' around, as its coming to your ears very soon". Mark then played out with, 'Raised on Radio', by Journey, and suggested that this particular track could become the station's theme tune. Whether or not this A.O.R. format is to come, we do not know. At the time we, ourselves, listened to that particular 'test', all the jocks, seemed to be rather merry, and we couldn't tell if it was a 'wind-up' or not. Time will tell.

Clive also has some interesting facts about Mark Matthews recent stint on the Ross. Apparently, this lasted

152 days, and he presented approximately 607 hours on the air, on both services. Certainly an impressive set of figures. Thanks to Clive for all that information.

Before we leave 963, the extract below, attempts to update all previous news on the impending 600kW transmitter from Finland.

And our new external broadcasting transmitting center in Pori will begin transmissions next spring. The new transmitters will make it possible to improve the availability of Radio Finland in most target areas. The transmitting power of the medium wave service on 963 kHz will be increased from 100 kW to 600 kW. Accordingly, the coverage area of our medium wave service will be greatly expanded.

Thanks to Andy for supplying us with the Radio Finland information sheet. It might be just noted that in the above extract, the word 'Spring' seems to have been inserted, following the removal of a longer word, possibly 'January'. It is thought that the statement was prepared some time ago and that 'Spring' means shortly. However, other reports keep mentioning 'later in the year', so it is possible it may mean Spring '88!

Finally, a report in, tells us that Simon 'Wally' Barrett is currently doing some relief work on Radio Wyvern.

**LAND BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** Interference from foreign stations reduced a bit this week, with the rapidly improving ground wave conditions, and enabled us, on Wednesday, to hear a short test transmission at around 14:15, from **Radio Merseyland**. Tim Jackson reported this in his Liverpool news sheet, for last week, but this was the first time it had been audible here, on a frequency of 1399kHz. The signal was weak, and was about the same as the old Anfield Community Radio, who used a frequency in the same area, for a while, last year. The address for the station is 18 Glynn Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF. Today, Sunday, we have once again logged the above, on 1397kHz.(announcing 1395kHz.), with Jim Browne on air, at 13:00. In addition, **Liverpool Pirate Radio (LPR)** was noted for the first time, recently, here in Blackpool, on 1421kHz. Reception was very poor, due to a strong German on 1422kHz. The presenter noted at 12:45 was Phil Davies and the mailing address was given out....30 Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD. Central Radio have not been noted, and Tim Jackson tells us that he has not logged them since 11:17 last Saturday (nine days ago).

Gary in Anfield also reports hearing stations in the week.....'Phil Davies was heard on **Liverpool Pirate Radio**, on Monday, on about 1323/1332kHz. On the same day, **Radio Julie**, was logged on 104.8MHz in stereo, as well as being heard on their usual weekend broadcasts. Their address was given out as 78 Barnston Road, Thingwall, Wirral, Merseyside L61 7SW. Mersey FM are reported to be starting midweek broadcasts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, between 18:00midnight, on a frequency of 102.3MHz. Non-stop music, and a relay of Radio City, has already been logged on this frequency'.

Leslie, in Liverpool, in addition, also reports hearing **Radio Veronica**, back on the air with low power, on 104.0MHz. They were heard between 15:00 and 16:00, and are apparently still looking for good transmitter and studio locations. **W.F.M.(from Widnes)** were also heard by Leslie, last Sunday (8th February), at 13:00, on 103.4MHz, giving out an address of 4 Birchfield Close, Liverpool L7 9LY.

**Radio Merseywaves** continues to be the leader in this area, with it's powerhouse signal on 1242kHz. Broadcasting continues all day Friday to Monday, inclusive, from about 08:00 until the early hours of the next day. Another new presenter has been mentioned, Charlie Pope, although, we have not actually heard him on air. Odd changes in the lineup (not the format, as they keep saying!) have been noted from time to time, but basically, the station has a very settled team of presenters, it appears. A special 'Valentine's Day' programme was aired yesterday. A number of 'phone-ins' have been noted, and there seems to be no shortage of listeners, keen to place requests and dedications on same. 'Mad Mike' on his lunchtime shows, has been heard, in addition to featuring much 'Soul' and 'Motown' music, playing every other record by a certain artist. (Hot Chocolate and the Drifters, being two, we heard). Mention has been made of some records being played on compact disc, but despite the excellent initial quality, this is lost on medium wave. The presenters keep mentioning AM stereo and saying they will be the first with it !! Station address RMW, 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.

Finally, Tim mentions CDFM, on 105.2MHz. in his report for last week. He says they, too, were heard relaying





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City/Marcher, and no 'own programmes', during their Sunday evening last, broadcast.

**LEEDS.** The only station heard in this city, all week, has been **Music City Radio (MCR)**, on 90.3MHz.

**LONDON.** SSM reports that an unidentified station, was heard last Sunday, on 1566kHz, Medium Wave. It was very weak south of London, from 10:00 until 12:30. when it was obliterated by a Dutch pirate station. A deep English voice was heard, along with a Bill Mitchell jingle, which sounded like K.L.U.A. Has anyone else heard this station? He also reports hearing another FM station, in addition to the ones we listed last week, on 89.9MHz, and identifying as **Quest - FM**. Other stations heard in West Sussex, which we failed to mention last week, were **Network 21**, on 89.6MHz, **DLR**, on 90.2MHz, **Radio Vicky**, on 105.5MHz, and **Southside Sound**, on 105.7MHz. Stations heard this week, include **CDR**, on 88.6MHz, **TKO**, on 90.6MHz, **LWR**, on 92.05MHz, **Studio One** on 92.8MHz., **Time - FM**, on 103.7MHz, **JBC**, on 104.85MHz. and **LGR** on 105.0MHz. Does anyone know the address of **TIME - FM**?

On Thursday evening, a strong signal was noted on 1332kHz., in the South West London area. The only modulation on the signal, appeared to be a test tone!

**SHROPSHIRE.** Due to interference from BBC 'local' stations, **W.R.** (Wrekin Radio) tell us that they have now moved frequency to 104.9MHz, although they are announcing this as 105MHz. **W.R.** are maintaining only end of the month broadcasts, and will next be on the air from 12:00, on 22nd February. Current programme line up is 12:00 'Perry's Megamix'...13:00 Wacky World of John Turner/The Dave Jones Show...14:00 Paul Kay...15:00 Closedown. Reception reports on their new frequency will be greatly appreciated by the station. Their address is still.... **W.R.**, c/o P.O. Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AU. The station will be celebrating 5 years on the air, on March 28th.

**THE MIDLANDS.** A station calling itself **Radio Galaxy**, was heard in the Derby area last Sunday afternoon, on 1242kHz. No more details are known about the station, although one of the same name used to broadcast from this area on 1241kHz, playing rock music, and boasting 1kW!! Could this be the same station? **Radio PCRL** have been noted, as usual, all week, on about 103.5MHz.

On Wednesday evening, a relay of 4WFS was heard on 105.25MHz.

**GLASGOW.** According to reports received, the signal from **Radio Mercury**, last Sunday, covered a very wide area. They are on the air once again this weekend, on 97.6MHz., in stereo. They were first heard at 14:00 with news, followed by the Colin Scott Show. The only other station to be heard in this area was on 95.5MHz, and calling itself **Neon Radio**. Apparently this station is of much lower power than Radio Mercury and thus is only heard over a small area.

**NORTHERN IRELAND.** **B-96** seems to becoming more active of late, and is currently using the frequency of 95.95MHz. The station has been heard several nights this week (Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday), with good signals in areas as far apart as Belfast and Dungannon.

**JULIE F.M.**  
**104.8 MHz**

#### **SHORTWAVE STATIONS. Today's Log.**

6206kHz...**F.R.S. HOLLAND**, at 12:16gmt.  
6225kHz...**SONA SOUND**, at 11:45gmt.  
6225kHz...**RADIO PAMELA**, at 12:05gmt.  
6230kHz...**SUD WEST RADIO**, at 11:02gmt.  
6240kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 09:50gmt.  
6240kHz...**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM.**, at 11:07gmt.  
6258kHz...**SUPERCLAN RADIO**, at 09:00gmt.  
6266kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:58gmt.  
6275kHz...**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM.**, at 13:20gmt.(QSO)  
6276kHz...**RADIO NORMAAL**, at 09:16gmt.  
6280kHz...**SATELLITE BROADCASTING CO.**, at 08:40gmt.  
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 10:35gmt.  
6280kHz...**DELTA TANGO**, at 13:17gmt.(QSO)  
6295kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:22gmt.  
6295kHz...**W.M.R.**, at 13:22gmt.  
6300kHz...**SPECTRUM LEISURE COMM.**, at 10:21gmt.  
6301kHz...**UNID.**, at 10:30gmt.  
6310kHz...**RADIO IRELAND INT.**, at 11:30gmt.  
6319kHz...**F.M.T.R.**, at 11:22gmt.  
6330kHz...**EUROPA INTERNATIONAL**, at 11:12gmt.  
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 12:18gmt.  
7315kHz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 09:10gmt.  
7330kHz...**RADIO ATLANTIQUE 2000**, at 10:17gmt.  
7385kHz...**RADIO CALDONIA**, at 10:30gmt.

Conditions today, were the best for a while, with stations from most areas, being heard for the majority of the morning. As usual, logs in **bold**, were heard here in Blackpool, and others kindly telephoned in from subscribers in Norfolk, Yorkshire, Midlands, Scotland, and Surrey.

We understand that the Riverside Radio transmitter developed a fault during last Sunday's transmission, and the station may be off the air for a while, until repairs are carried out. The station was heard, however, this morning by a logger in Surrey, on 7315kHz, although we are not sure whether this was being relayed via another station.

Strange things were heard by a couple of listeners this morning on 6258kHz. Superclan Radio, which used to broadcast on this frequency last year, were playing a programme by Richard Staines, between 09:00, and 10:00, and Richard was telling about his time on the VOP, and on radio Caroline. Following this, a programme was begun by Stuart Clark, but this was apparently cut short at about 10:07gmt. Richard is still on the ship, so, this can only suggest that the programme was actually recorded on the Ross Revenge.

Radio Ireland, were again playing some great old tapes of Radio Nova (Casey Casem, and a One Hour Photo sponsored programme) for a time, before the start of their own programming, on 6310kHz, this morning.

Radio Orion are reported to have made a test last Friday on 5125kHz., and would appreciate any reception reports.

Radio East Coast Commercial made a test on 11583kHz., today, with continuous music from 12:10 to 12:40, and a relay of Radio Orion Rock n'Roll Show, between, 12:40 and 13:40. Once again, reception reports would be appreciated.

Amendments to last week's log...According to Podney, our unidentified station on 7320kHz, at 09:42gmt, was **RADIO LIBERTY SOUND**, who were being transmitted via **RADIO PACMAN**. Podney heard **RADIO PACMAN** themselves at 09:48gmt....Stuart, in Staffordshire, also reports hearing **RADIO ORION**, on 6293kHz, at 13:10gmt, in qso with **WMR**.

#### **Logs for Saturday 14th February 1987.**

6206kHz...**RADIO MARABU**, at 11:24gmt.  
6206kHz...**RADIO LIMIT INT.**, at 13:03gmt.  
6280kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:20gmt.  
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 09:00gmt.



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# **The WEEKLY**

## **REPORT**

### **ANORAKS**

**The First with the News in Print**

No. 147.....22nd February 1987. P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

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Medium Wave listening conditions have certainly taken a turn for the better, during these past few days, although this depends on how you look at it. The daytime signals being received here, from the Irish Republic, are now much clearer, and lasting longer, before being swamped by strong foreign stations. This seems to have been at the expense of hearing more obscure stations in the morning hours, up until 10:00. We now seem to have passed the best of the reception of North American stations. Letters from many parts, especially Scandinavia, have indicated that this Winter, has been the best for many years, with dozens of American stations, even West coast ones, being received in Europe for the very first time.

We understand that the Government's Green Paper on the future of broadcasting is to be published at 11:00 on Wednesday. It should be interesting to see whether those 'pirate' stations who have kept off the air, waiting for it, manage to obtain any licenses. If not then we may see an increase in activity once again.

You may possibly be reading someone else's copy of the Weekly Report, but it is so simple to get your own each week, and here is how to do it.... **Weekly Report**, along with at least one B4 sheet of cuttings (this week, for example, there are three x B4 sheets), is posted every Sunday evening at the following weekly rates.....Second Class (U.K. only), 30p.....First Class (U.K.), EEC Countries (including Eire), 35p.....NonEEC Countries (Sweden, Finland, Norway etc.), 40p.....Elsewhere (via Air Mail), 50p. You may subscribe for as many weeks as required.

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Only one new item this week, which is extremely useful, to all DX-ers.....The 1987 edition of the **World Radio-TV Handbook** is now available, and we now have supplies of this book in stock, ready for instant despatch. This year, it contains 578 pages and lists stations, frequencies, addresses and schedules, from most of the world's 'legal' (and some of the world's un-licensed) SW, MW, LW, and FM stations. The book is split into continental sections, each of which subsequently has a section for all countries on that particular land mass. There is also a convenient, detailed list of stations, in frequency order, at the rear of the book. The WRTH is of great help for those interested in DX-ing in general. Also in this edition, are reviews of several travel/portable radios which are currently on the market. The price for this very useful handbook is the same as last year, no increase, £17.95, which, as usual includes postage and packing.

For anyone intending to purchase back copies of Offshore Echo's Magazine, we now have only the following issues left in stock...25, 35, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 49, 50, 56, 57, 60, 62, 63, 64. Due to the poor exchange rate predominating, for Sterling, OEM now costs £1.90 each.

We must apologise for the very slight delay with the despatch of Monitor 35. This has been due to unprecedented demand for this bumper 100 page issue. The initial batch sold out within days of arrival, and the second batch has just arrived, so, everyone should have their eagerly awaited copy by the time this report is received. Also, delays are still being experienced with regard to Alfasound's Radio England and Radio ID Jingle Collection, Volume 5, cassettes.

Finally in this section, it appears that

the last issue of Free Radio Waves, No. 6, is the final one in this series. This is most unfortunate, but unavoidable, it appears. The whole of the series, Issues 1 to 6 inclusive, is still available. However, the previous series, (1970's) is not. We hope that at some future time, a further series will emerge. Anyone who may have paid in advance for further issues, will have their accounts credited for the amount in question and may use this for alternative purchases.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **Media Monitor** No. 46, contains 16 pages of news and schedules from both legal and free radio/ clandestine stations on all bands. A sample copy of this A5 newsletter costs £1 from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA.....The weekly **PLAYDX**, is now up to edition No. 449, and although written in Italian, is useful for its lists of unusual logs made in Europe, on all bands. Other station information is also included. For a sample of this 6 page magazine, contact Dario Monferini, v.Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.....**DistanceR** is published by the Umea Shortwave Club, and although printed in Swedish, contains lots of obscure/rare logs, prints of QSLcards and other station promotional material. Despite being a SW club, most of its members specialise in MW DX-ing, and the club is looking for new active DX-ers in the U.K. and elsewhere. For details of membership and cost of a sample copy of their latest 48 page, A5 magazine, write to UKVK, P.O. Box 117, S-901 03 Umea, Sweden....Another magazine specialising in MW, is **Medium Wave News**. Their February edition is now out, and features listings and information about the unusual catches in Britain, and frequency changes, over the previous month. Information on both the magazine and the club can be obtained from Harold Emblem, 137A Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY.



**TAPE OFFER.** This week, we take a listen to two stations which we don't normally hear too much of. Tape 27 features the **Voice of Peace**, with D.J.'s Neil Armstrong, Mike Davis and Mike Darby, as recorded on 30th January. The recording is in FM stereo (heavily compressed, as usual), and of excellent quality. **R.B.L. (Radio Boulogne Littoral)**, is featured on Tape 28, with programmes hosted by Tim Stewart and Mark Allen on 16th February. This station broadcasts in stereo to the South East coast of England, from FM transmitters located in France. Both recordings are 90 minutes long, and cost £2.00 each, as usual.

**GENERAL.** We are pleased to inform everyone that thanks to overwhelming generosity and anonymous donations, we have reached our magic £100.00 for the RNLI Appeal. We shall be forwarding the money in about ten days time, so if anyone wishes to add to the amount already in hand, please let us have £1.00 and in return, we shall send you one of the 1986 Christmas cards, featuring that excellent picture of the m.v. Communicator, along with one of the 1985 Christmas cards. Thanks once again for your support in this collection. We shall re-produce the receipt in a future issue.

The Theme Tunes: No further answers to questions posed, but thanks again for all info, still pouring in. We shall attempt an update in a day or two, please bear with us.

**WANTED.** A source of spares for Russco/Spotmaster studio turntables....Please telephone Alan, on (031) 229 3655 (evenings), or leave a message on (0324) 557 575 (24 hours), after requesting 'engineering'.

**FOR SALE.** 3 pages of newspaper cuttings from the German press, relating to the raising of the m.v. Galaxy last August. (All in German). Simply send 2 x IRC's to Alexander Schulz-Luckenbach, Finkenweg 5, D - 6204 Taunusstein 2, West Germany.

**WANTED.** A recording of the close-down of Radio Carousel on 1125kHz., recently. Cassette, reel, anything will do...contact P.O. Box 539.

#### **RADIO STATION NEWS.....IRELAND.**

**DUBLIN.** Little news to report on in the capital this week, certainly no major happenings! On **KLAS 98**, Bob Gallico has been heard with his syndicated show, 'The Time Of My Life', each Saturday. The programme features big band music from the 40's and 50's. Other specialist programmes can be heard every evening, for an hour, with such music as opera, country (hosted by the country expert, station owner, Hugh Hardy), jazz, ect., being noted.

**Co. CAVAN.** **Erne Side Community Radio.** The station seems to be employing fewer disc jockeys at the moment, than they used to do. The weekday schedule has been altered which means that only four presenters handle the whole operating day. The slots are divided from 8:00 start, into 10:30, 15:00, 20:00 until 24:00 close down. Weekend slots are slightly different, however. The station, as always, appears to have a very healthy advertising log and are currently busy promoting their stereo signal on 107.0MHz., at every opportunity. AM frequency is of course, 1251kHz.

**Breffni Radio.** The station is reported as doing rather well at present, as far as advertising and available presenters are concerned. In fact, two recent disc jockey recruits now means that the station is broadcasting 'live', seven days per week, from 07:00 until 03:00. The interim period being filled with pre-recorded music tapes. The station has recently dropped the word 'community' and is now referred to as 'Breffni Radio' or 'Breffni Regional Radio'.

**Co LONGFORD.** **Longford Community Radio.** The station, as of Sunday 8th February, is broadcasting again, after having been off the air for almost three days, due to possible transmitter problems. However, these overcome, the station is back with it's usual excellent signal on 1071kHz., heard over a very wide area. Not much advertising is noted and the station seems to close down at around 21:00 each evening. As at Erne Side, the presenters are doing long shifts.

**Independent Radio Longford.** Despite a rather weak signal on 99.0MHz.FM, the station is audible in the Longford and surrounding area. The medium wave outlet on 864kHz. is a different story and is loud and clear. Advertising here is reported as being quite good, and it is thought the station is well listened to in the Midlands area.

**Co. SLIGO.** **West Coast Radio** on 1143Hz.AM, have moved premises to 5 High Street, above Conway's Lounge. Their 103.5MHz.FM transmitter has been causing some interference locally and this has now been replaced by another transmitter on 100.0MHz. The medium wave transmitter is sited out

in Cleveragh and the FM is relayed on to medium wave there. Both transmitters are left on throughout the night when programmes cease.

Meanwhile, **Westside Radio** continue on FM only, on 97.5MHz.

## **Westside Radio 97.5 FM**

**SLIGO'S FIRST EVER**  
Country Music, Folk & Traditional  
& Easy Listening Radio Station  
**ALL REQUESTS & ADVERTISING**  
**ENQUIRIES, RING 071-42664**

WESTSIDE — the Bestside in Radio

Rumours are circulating of a third station about to commence transmissions on AM and FM.

**Co. LOUTH.** Following the non-stop music heard on 1125kHz, last weekend, the mystery of what is happening on this frequency, deepened this weekend. Up until Wednesday, the same continuous music was being played, however at 09:45, on Wednesday morning, a very interesting 60 minutes tape was broadcast. This included many Free Radio Station 'Theme Tunes', and lots of old records and offshore radio jingles. This tape was played on and off, along with test tones, until Friday afternoon. As the foreign stations began to come in stronger, the 'mystery' signal began to suffer from an annoying 'growling' noise, and eventually disappeared. By Friday, we heard rumours of **Radio Carousel** about to recommence broadcasts on 1125kHz. However, by the characteristic of the signal on 1125kHz, it was not their old transmitter. On Saturday morning 1125kHz was relaying **Sunshine Radio**, and this continued throughout the day. Then, during the late morning, whilst Sunshine was still being relayed on 1125kHz, a strong carrier was noted on 1143kHz. This then began to play the same tape, which had been heard on 1125kHz earlier in the week. As darkness approached the 1143kHz signal, began to suffer the same growling as earlier in the week on 1125kHz. The mystery still continues.

The transmissions of **Radio Carousel North** on 1260kHz., have been reported as being off and on over the past week.

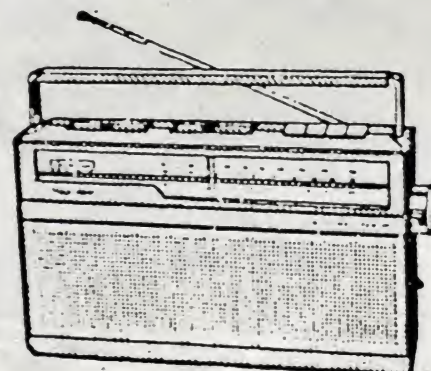
In Dundalk itself, reception of **Telstar Community Radio** on 88.5MHz., is quite difficult, due to the low power the transmitter has been on since before Christmas. However, to compensate, the 1197kHz. signal is excellent and heard over a very wide area.

## **TELSTAR COMMUNITY RADIO**

88.5 FM / 1197 AM

EARL STREET, DUNDALK  
☎ 39130

- ▶ SPORTS
- ▶ NEWS
- ▶ CURRENT AFFAIRS
- ▶ MUSIC




Up in the border area of this county, **ZEE 103** continue with their strong FM signal on 103.25MHz. Station representatives are out on the streets in the area, giving away £5 notes to people questioned, who say they listen to Zee 103 - 'The sound of tomorrow, today'.

**Co. WICKLOW.** Occasionally, a station appears and goes un-noticed and un-reported. This has happened recently



with a station deep in the heart of the Wicklow mountains, in a very sparsely populated area. It appears to have been professionally handled, as can be seen by the handout below. The station was accidentally stumbled upon by a colleague travelling in said area. He noticed an un-official relay of Boyneside Radio on 1152kHz. and on further checking, came up with **Glenside Radio**. As far as we know, the station duly appeared on the dates mentioned and remained on the air up until this past few days, with own programmes and occasional relays. No further news of future plans is at hand, and whilst it has been difficult to check 1152kHz., due to ILR activity on this side and poor conditions, it may well be possible to monitor this frequency for further activity from now on. The report goes on to mention that the transmitter in operation was the old **Radio Dublin** Channel II unit.



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260 AM

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**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** Current scribe and chief Anorak reporter on the vessel and ex-editor of Offshore Echo's, now known on air as Mike Davies, tells us that the station is on the air 24 hours per day, but only on FM, with 20kw. (80kw E.R.P.). Every ten days or so, the station takes a short break for generator maintenance. The AM transmitter is still off the air and looks like it will be until at least one of the AM transmitters are replaced. In fact, the aerial array (similar to Laser's current set-up) has been taken down temporarily, as it was causing some problems to other equipment on the ship. Mike tells us that conditions on the ship are quite good, apart from odd days when the seas are rough causing the ship to rock violently. Already, he mentions being laid out on the deck sunbathing!

Current line-up reads.....Midnight, 'Late Night Affair' with Mike Davis. 03:00, 'NighBeat' with Neil Armstrong. 06:00, 'Breakfast' with Gavin Ford. 09:00, 'Morning Music' with Mike Darby. 12:00 'Kassach' with various. 13:00, 'Afternoon Delight 1' with Mike Davis. 15:00, 'Afternoon Delight 2' with Neil Armstrong. 17:00, 'Oldies' with Gavin Ford. 18:00, 'Twilight Time' with Dave Asher. 19:30, 'Classical' with various. 21:00, 'Russian Hour' with various. 22:00, 'Specialist' with Dave Asher.

Weekend....'International Top Forty', 'Soul Show' and 'Hebrew Singalong'!

News relayed from Kol Israel from 07:00 until 01:00. Programme controller is Mike Darby. Most recent addition to staff is ex-Suirside Radio (Waterford), Alex Lee.

Thanks to Mike for the report and tape.

**M.V. NANNELL.** After reporting some movement from

the vessel last week, it now appears that, although the ship did move, she did not move very far, in fact hundreds of yards, rather than hundreds of miles. As a result, no one reported any sightings of the ship, at all, which is not surprising, as she is still in the vicinity of Santander harbour. Having said all that, stories are circulating that the ship is about to sail to the coast of Holland.

**CAROLINE.** Once again, a very quiet week, with no change in staff leaving the line-up as..... 05:00 Kevin Turner...09:00 Rob Charles...13:00 Richard Staines...17:00 Jamie King...21:00 Dave Ellis...01:00 Closedown. The station continues to operate 20 hours, 7 days per week. On Thursday, both frequencies were of the air for several hours, during the afternoon, but returned shortly before 17:00. Jamie King made a brief mention about essential aerial maintenance, shortly after the return the air, although she was not very specific. The return at this time, was obviously not planned, as there was no news broadcast until 18:00. A shortage of tea bags, seemed to be the topic of conversation on the air, during the latter half of the week. On Friday, as the weather was beginning to get a bit rough, Richard Staines told us all about the 'miracle' tea bags in the galley, which were managing to make 12 cups of tea!! We weren't sure how desperate they were. Was it a catering size bag, (desperate), or a normal household tea bag (extremely desperate)? We were also listening to his show very intently, as he said he was going to tell us all exactly what he had been doing, whilst the station was off the air the previous afternoon. He certainly managed to keep us glued to the set, along with pad and pencil, which is presumably what he was intending, as shortly before 17:00, he said that the producer said that time had run out, and couldn't tell us anything after all.

On the advert scene, things now seem to be at an all time low, at least compared to the past couple of years. Only Lotto 6-49, Newsweek News, and Bose Speaker adverts have been heard, along with what seems to be a big promotion to sell a few of the Caroline Six Album Boxed Sets.

On the news team, we now have Richard Staines during the breakfast show, Jamie King at 13:00, and Kevin Turner reading the drive time bulletins. So far there has been no change on 963kHz. Rob Charles continues to close the Viewpoint 963 service down, at 21:30, saying that programmes on that frequency have now closed until 04:00 the following morning, when Radio Monique's programmes commence. There is no news as to whether 'Caroline Overdrive', will return or not. We, and a substantial number of our subscribers, hope it does continue, as it was the only source of alternative music, in much of Britain.

As with last week, we end with the whereabouts of a couple of exCaroline jocks. Simon Barret, hosted his last show on Radio Wyvern, yesterday, (Saturday), between 10:00 and 14:00. He gave mention of the new D.J. to be starting on Monday afternoon (23rd February), who is none other than Dave Windsor. Dave will be hosting the 14:00 to 18:00 daily programme on this station.

**LASER 'HOT HITS'.** Following the time off the air last Sunday, which John Anthony reported as being because of changing tides and twisting aerials, the station settled down and did more or less a full weeks broadcasting until Friday. The line-up during this time (ignoring times when the station was off the air), was 06:00 Brandy Lee...10:00 D.L. Bogart...14:00 Brandy Lee...16:00 D.L. Bogart...18:00 John 'Rock n'Roll' Anthony...24:00 Closedown. Andrew Turner continues to read all the news bulletins, which has meant that since their are only three D.J.'s on board, they are having to do long shifts. We understand that another presenter is ready to join the ship, although there are reports that K.C., who was heard on air in December, will not be returning.

By Friday morning, the wind had turned around to blow from the northeast, once again, and the seas were beginning to build up to a moderate state. Things seemed to be getting a bit rough as the morning went on, and D.L. Bogart mentioned that there was some 'flashing' going on. All the programming stayed as normal throughout the day, until late afternoon, so all the D.J.'s, now must have their 'sea legs'. Although we didn't hear it ourselves, at around 16:00, it is reported, that comments were made on the air about a rumbling in the background, which was apparently the ships engines. The D.J. said that they were upping anchor, and were going to try and sail out the rough seas. At this point, the signal is also reported to have reduced somewhat. Then, later on at around 16:53, the station left the air, apparently due to problems with the aerials sparking, presumably because of water spraying up, from the rough seas. Apparently this



arcing would have caused severe damage to the transmitters, had it continued, so the station left the air. No signals were heard here at all, on Saturday, from the ship.

Only one advert we monitored this week, we had not heard before, and that was for a used car supermarket. Other adverts we heard, were re-recorded versions of ads heard in December, of the Music Master Pop Catalogue, and the 'Million Dollar Quartet' L.P.

As this section was being written on late Sunday morning, Laser has returned to the air, with a similar signal level to last week. So it seems that the temporary aerial system at least managed to ride out the first real storm, since it was erected.

**LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL.** It was the turn of Merseyside to suffer the wrath of the DTI last Sunday. Quoting from Tim Jackson's Merseyside Report, it says....."At 7:50 on Sunday night, a large squad of DTI officials, accompanied by police officers, carried out simultaneous raids on **Radio Merseywaves** and **Radio Julie**. Reports indicate that both stations lost everything. At the time of the raids, I understand that six persons were present in the Merseywaves studios, but just one at Radio Julie, who had been playing 'taped' shows for, at least, part of the day." "It seems ironic that the DTI should raid Merseywaves on the very day, station owner, Burt Williams, chose to give a short documentary of previous raids and attempted raids."

So, after announcing that Radio Merseywaves would be having a phone-in, at just before 20:00, last Sunday, the carrier went off, mid record, and nothing more was heard on 1242kHz., for the rest of Sunday and all day Monday. However, reports coming out of Liverpool said the station would be back to normal on Friday, and after noting a blank carrier at 09:48 on Thursday, the station did duly return to the airwaves, with it's usual good, strong signal, at 08:00 on Friday. Normal programmes resumed immediately, although the presenters were heard remarking about their new studio, new equipment and everything, which confirms the earlier report that the station lost all studio gear, in addition to transmitting equipment. Some breaks in transmission were noted, no doubt due to faulty studio equipment, as the carrier remained on air throughout. Not only did the authorities take the gear, but all the mail as well, (including current Weekly Report, no doubt!), and presenters were heard apologising to listeners who had written in for requests etc. However, by Saturday, further mail had arrived, and requests were once again being played.

The usual presenters were noted this weekend, along with plenty of mentions for gigs, where Merseywaves presenters were appearing, locally and further afield in North Wales and Central Lancashire.

This week's report is being written early, but we feel sure that station owner, Burt Williams, will make an appearance on Sunday afternoon, assuming he has recovered from working day and night to get the station back on air. Burt will no doubt fill us in on the finer points of the raid.

At the time of writing, no other stations have been noted from this area, but Tim Jackson reports that **CDFM** on 105.2MHz., and **Widnes FM**, on 103.4MHz. were both on air last Sunday evening, despite the problems at the other stations.

Correspondent, Leslie, in Liverpool, in addition to receiving the above stations, tells us that he also received **Mersey FM**, on Tuesday between 20:00-24:30, Wednesday between 18:30 and 01:00, and Thursday from 18:00 until the station disappeared at 22:00. Frequency of Mersey FM is 103.4MHz. According to test announcements last weekend, the station will now operate every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 18:00 and 02:00. He also reports hearing **Radio Veronica**, between 15:00 and 16:00, last Sunday on 104.0MHz.

**MANCHESTER.** A strong signal heard here in Balckpool today on 102.3MHz, seems to be **Radio Rag** which broadcasts for a couple of weeks at this time of year, for the University Rag Week. Last time they were heard here, they were on 103.0MHz, however this channel has now been occupied by Piccadilly Radio. An address of P.O. Box 88, Manchester has been given out.

**WEST YORKSHIRE.** In Leeds, **ABC-FM** was once again heard on Friday night and Saturday, on the usual frequency of 104.6MHz. The strength is reported to be back to normal, after a couple of weeks on much reduced power. **Music City Radio** were also logged during the evenings, on 90.3MHz. In the Bradford area, **Radio Veronica** were heard back on the air with test transmissions last Sunday night, on 104.9MHz.

The audio was reported as being somewhat distorted. The station was also noted on Monday night, and Saturday night, with a signal that apparently covered a very wide area. They claim to be using a power of 100watts.

**GLASGOW.** **Radio Mercury** were heard on the air, locally, on 97.6MHz., with the regular two presenters, Colin Scott and H.G. Wells.

**THE MIDLANDS.** **Radio Freedom** (not Galaxy as mistakenly reported by us last week), were heard once again today, signing on at 12:00gmt, on 1242kHz. The signal is said to cover a wide area. Also heard all week, as usual, **Radio PCRL**, on 103.5MHz. Today, **Wrekin Radio** were reported on 104.8MHz., during the afternoon. **U.K. Radio** were heard last Sunday evening, with their regular end of month broadcast on 105.2MHz.

**THE LONDON AREA.** **Solar Radio** returned to the air with a strong signal this week, on 93.0MHz, and are also broadcasting in stereo. Other stations logged in the past few days are **Community Development Radio (CDR)** on 88.6MHz, **RJR**, on 89.9MHz, **Rock to Rock** on 90.2MHz, **TKO**, on 90.6MHz, **LWR**, on 92.0MHz, **Studio One** on 92.8MHz, **Peoples Choice Radio** on 103.3MHz, **Time FM** on 103.7MHz, **JBC** on 104.7MHz, **LGR** on 105.0MHz. **Network 21** were also heard on Friday and Saturday nights, on 89.5MHz. **RFM** were expected to be on the air at 14:00 today, and currently appear to be the only station playing rock music.

**THE SOUTH EAST.** **Power 105** were reported as raided, in the Pitsea area, on 15th February, at 14:30. The station used to broadcast soul music to the surrounding area of Essex. **Canvey Radio** have been off the air for about three weeks, due to problems with their link transmitter. Only **Sunshine FM** on 90.8MHz. is available at the moment, in this area of the country. That station's address is P.O. Box 539, Westcliff on Sea, Essex SSO 7DQ.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** Word from French based **R.B.L. (Radio Boulogne Littoral)**, who tell us that they are still operating their English language service on Sunday and Monday evenings. Current line-up reads.....(Sunday), 22:00, Paul Graham with 'RBL Remembers'. 23:00 Mark Daniels. Midnight till 05:00, 'RBL Night-shift'.....(Monday), 19:00, Tim Stewart. 20:30, Mark Allen. 22:00 Stuart Clark. 23:00, Mark Daniels. midnight, Jeff Johnson. 01:00 till 05:00, 'RBL Night-shift'.

The station has now received the go-ahead from the French for advertising on the English service.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS.**

The sad news this morning, was the fact that **F.M.T.R.** (Free Medway Town Radio) were raided by DTI officials at 10:20gmt. After presenting the station owner with a warrant, officials removed 3 transmitters, two mixers and cartridge machine, along with other items which were switched on at the time. All this took about half an hour, and the officials left at about 10:50gmt. We wish all the staff at F.M.T.R. well, for the coming months, and the impending court case.

#### **Today's Log.....**

6206kHz...**C.L.C.G.**, at 10:08gmt.  
6206kHz...**RIGHT WING RADIO**, at 12:15gmt.  
6218kHz...**UNID.**, at 12:24gmt.  
6225kHz...**RADIO TITANIC**, at 10:45gmt.  
6240kHz...**SPECTRUM WHATEVER**, at 11:15gmt.  
6261kHz...**MAPLE LEAF RADIO**, at 11:10gmt.  
6261kHz...**RADIO SKYWAVE INT.**, at 12:25gmt.  
6266kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 11:30gmt.  
6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 12:18gmt.  
6290kHz...**BRITISH MUSIC INT.**, at 11:28gmt.  
6300kHz...**UNID.**, at 09:02gmt.  
6300kHz...**RADIO NOVA (BELGIUM)**, at 10:10gmt.  
6310kHz...**RADIO IRELAND INT.**, at 12:20gmt.  
6319kHz...**F.M.T.R.**, at 10:00gmt.  
6330kHz...**EUROPA INT.**, at 10:05gmt.  
6910kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 12:26gmt.  
7375kHz...**RADIO WAVES**, at 10:30gmt.

As can be seen by the above meagre log, the conditions on shortwave today were abysmal. We only managed to hear three stations, one of which was unidentified. As usual, the logs in **bold** are our own, and the others telephoned in by subscribers in Blackpool, Scotland, Yorkshire, and the Midlands. Lets hope that things improve a bit next week.

The **UNID.** on 6218kHz. was possibly Premier Radio, as it gave out an address in Dublin.

The Radio Titanic broadcast, was announced to be a test transmission to North America.

Radio Apollo inform us that they hope to be on the air on Sunday 1st March, on 6293kHz.